

The Old Paths

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"A New Volume Begins"

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With this issue, a new volume begins for *"The Old Paths,"* a teaching bulletin I began in 1994. This publication is dedicated to the spreading of the gospel to the lost as well as exhorting and encouraging Christians to remain faithful to God. In continuing this work at Caneyville, we intend to continue doing what we have always done; namely, to publish simple, Bible-based lessons which can be studied and applied daily.

Some may wonder about the need for a teaching bulletin, but let me assure you that much good comes from this effort. A teaching bulletin is good for

Planting A Seed In The Minds Of People.

In fact, God describes His word as seed (Lk. 8:11; I Pet. 1:23, 25). When this seed germinates in the hearts of men and women, it can produce fruit in their lives, *"some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty"* (Matt. 13:8). Perhaps a thought or two from this printed page can help in this work. We know that when folks' hearts are opened to the word, then they can be won to the Lord (Acts 16:14). Therefore, this bulletin is dedicated to such work so that folks can be right with God.

Being A Conversation-Starter.

If you wish to speak to your

neighbors or family members about the Bible, and don't know how to begin, why not hand them one of these bulletins, and ask them to read it? Wait a few days and then ask them about what they read. We may very well be used by God for spreading the gospel as Philip was in Acts 8:26-39! Who knows what good may be accomplished just by taking the time to talk with someone about spiritual matters? Use the printed page like this bulletin for that "conversation starter" or the "door-opener" to bring folks to the Lord (Jn. 14:6). The printed page is a good tool to be used in that way!

Let us be like Andrew, who thought enough of his brother to bring him to Christ (Jn. 1:40-42). Let us be a "Philip" who found Nathaniel for the purpose of bringing him to the Lord as well (Jn. 1:45-46). We can do the same! God has promised that His word will not return to Him void (Isa. 55:11). Therefore, let us use this teaching bulletin as one of our tools for bringing lost souls to the Lord.

Stimulating One's Own Bible Study.

In weeks to come, we will include articles aimed toward new Christians, and those mature in the faith, in addition to those outside of Christ. Therefore, this bulletin is intended to be a good study tool for the Christians. Perhaps the things mentioned here will spur you on to further and deeper study of the Scriptures (Ps. 1:1-2; II Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13; etc.).

When considering the merits of a teaching bulletin, remember that God Himself has placed a premium on the printed page — it is called the Bible! Jesus asked the people, *"Have you not read?"* no less than seven times in the New Testament. Some 82 times, we read of God's command to "write" something for the good of the people living at that time, and for future generations like us. The printed page has advantages over the spoken word. One such advantage is that if one misunderstands something, he can reread that part as many times as necessary, in order to understand it. Further, he can "lay it down" for a while, and come back at a convenient time and continue in the reading when his mind is fresh. The printed page lasts long after the writer is gone, as we well know! It is through the printed page that one can continue to teach others for years to come. Certainly there are many advantages to the printed page, and most especially when we're talking about a medium which is used to teach the word of God to people.

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to get to continue this work of writing, and to do so through the medium of this bulletin. While the articles which are printed are primarily the work of the editor, the brethren here are certainly welcome to suggest possible topics to study, as well as contribute their own articles from time to time. This paper is open to such an arrangement (Prov. 11:14, 15:22, 24:6).

This is an exciting time here at Caneyville, and I am looking forward to the good that we can accomplish together for the Lord. Please continue to remember my family in your prayers, and pray for all the brethren here. Let us get busy in bringing people to Christ!

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF SIN?

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Thousands died because they considered sin as nothing! Consider those at Mount Horeb who lost their lives for worshipping the golden calf (Ex. 32:28, 34-35). Let us also remember the folks who rebelled against Moses and murmured against the commands of God in Numbers 16. When reading Numbers 16:24-32, 35, and 49, we learn that upwards of 15,000 people were killed over the course of two days because of sin!

Despite the pleading of Jeremiah, the Jews refused to walk in *"the old paths"* (Jer. 6:16). In the face of Ezekiel, they were hard-hearted and impudent as he pled with them to return (Ezek. 3:7). Others such as Elijah and Elisha (I Kings 16-II Kings 13), Hosea and Micah, Samuel (I Sam. 1-25) and Malachi, as well as scores of others, both named and unnamed, (but all known to God) continued preaching God's word for the purpose of getting people to repent of their sins. Some saw success (Jonah, Oded, etc.); while others died for preaching God's will, and standing opposed to what the sinful people were doing (Heb. 11:37).

We today have a choice. Will we consider sin as nothing, or will we stand with the Lord (Ex. 32:26; Matt. 12:30)? The world will hate us for being God's friend (Jn. 15:19-20), but God will reward us. Choose wisely! What is YOUR view of sin? Your soul's salvation rests upon how you answer this question!

Please Investigate The church of Christ ...

☞ You can read about it in the New Testament - Romans 16:16

☞ It uses no creed but the Bible and no name but that of Christ - I Peter 4:16; Acts 11:26

☞ It speaks where the Bible speaks and is silent where the Bible is silent - I Peter 4:11; Galatians 1:8-9

☞ It exalts Christ as the only head of the church - Colossians 1:18

☞ Its worship is patterned after New Testament example - John 4:24; Acts 2:42; 20:7; I Corinthians 16:2; Ephesians 5:19

☞ It teaches unity based upon the truth of Christ - John 17:21; I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:3

☞ It pleads for unity of all believers in Christ - I Corinthians 3:1-5; Ephesians 4:4-6

☞ Its founder is Christ. It is not a denomination started by men, but is the body of Christ - Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23

☞ Its aim is to save souls by

leading them to Christ through the gospel - I Corinthians 15:1-4

☞ Its future is eternal glory with Christ - I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Colossians 3:4

"Pointed Paragraphs"

R.L. Whiteside (1869-1951)

♦ If you become a little squeamish about denouncing false teachers, read Jeremiah. If you think people are so hardened in sin that they hate you for preaching the word, read Jeremiah. A careful study of Jeremiah is good tonic for anyone.

♦ To write the word of Christ upon the heart, or, what is essentially the same, to let it dwell in us richly, means more than to commit it to memory. It is to make it the dominant factor in our thinking and in our plans and purposes.

♦ The apostles were practical men. Some were fishermen; one, a tax collector. Both callings teach a person not to believe all he hears.

(*The Kingdom of Promise and Prophecy*, p. 17, 99, 45)

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